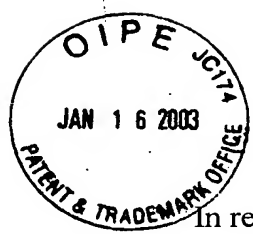


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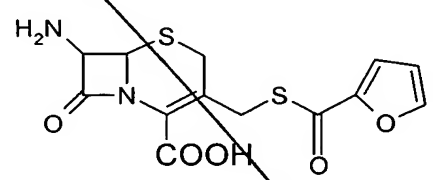
Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice or disclaimer in favor of new  
claims 16-24 as follows:

--16. A process to prepare a cephalosporin compound (Furaca: 3-[2-(furylcarbonyl)thiomethyl]-3-cephem-4-carboxylic acid) represented by formula (I),



(I)

comprising:

(a) combining the following components:

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